Functioning of DCI

511. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of corruption in the Dental Council of India, Government have decided to formulate new sets of rules to allow greater say in its functioning;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government regarding the functioning of DCI in the recent past and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the functioning of DCI transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No change of rules are contemplated at present. However, the Government has constituted a Commission of Inquiry in 1998 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Anil Dev Singh, Delhi High Court to look into the cases of violation of provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 by Dental Council of India and the complaints received in this regard have been referred to this Commission for enquiry.

Sickness in CPSUs

†512. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial sickness in the Central Public Sector Undertakings is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the number of undertakings found sick and running in losses as on 31st March, 2002; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) (a) and (b) As per available information, during the last three years there is no increase in the number of industrial sick CPSUs registered with BIFR. As on 31.3.2002, 66 sick industrial Central Public Sector

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Undertakings whose net worth had become negative were registered with BIFR and of these 7 PSUs were making profit and as such 59 PSUs running in losses, as per PE Survey 2000-01.

(c) Enterprise specific measures are taken by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments/Management of PSUs for performance improvement. Some of the common steps taken in this regard include referring continuously loss making PSUs whose net worth has become negative to the BIFR for formulation of rehabilitation/revival scheme, periodical review of the performance of the PSUs by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments, business and financial restructuring, infusion of fresh funds, upgradation of technology, improved marketing strategies, cost control measures etc.

Review of guidelines on Film Certification

513. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chairman of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) suggested any review of guidelines pertaining to film certification;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed revision; and

(c) how are they going to improve the existing system of certification?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) No proposal has so far been received from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a review of guidelines pertaining to film certification.

AIR Stations in Chhattisgarh

†514. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of All India Radio Stations in Chhattisgarh as on date; and

(b) whether Government are considering to open more All India Radio Stations?

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